

Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2017

The Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council met at the Indiana Office of Court Services at 30 S. Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 22, 2017. The Advisory Council met 12-2:30 p.m.

- 1. Members present.** The following members of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council were present: Larry Landis, Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council; David Powell, Executive Director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Rebecca Beuhner, proxy for the Director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Julie Lanham, proxy for the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction; David Murtaugh, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Chris Cunningham, proxy for the President of the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; Troy Hatfield, proxy for the President of the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana; and Jane Seigel, Executive Director of the Indiana Office of Court Services and Advisory Council Chair.
- 2. Guests present.** The following guests also attended the meeting: Mary Willis and Austin Stewart from the Office of Judicial Administration; Aaron Garner, Stephanie Spoolstra, and Jon Ferguson from the Indiana Department of Correction; Linda Brady from the Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana; Kristen Banschbach from the Indiana State Budget Agency; Samantha Goodson from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction; Rep. Greg Steuerwald and Trent Glass from the Indiana House of Representatives; Chris Naylor from the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Steve McCaffrey from Mental Health America Indiana; Lisa Thompson and Dave Williams from Trial Court Technology; Bernice Corley and Kristen Casper from the Indiana Public Defender Council; Cindy McCoy from Grant County Court Services; David Bausman from the Indiana Attorney General's Office; Dr. Brad Ray from the Indiana University Center for Criminal Justice Research; and Mark Goodpaster and Corrin Harvey from the Indiana Legislative Services Agency.
- 3. Staff assistance.** Jennifer Bauer, Mary Kay Hudson, and Michelle Goodman provided staff assistance to the Advisory Council.
- 4. Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the August 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. DOC population report.** Aaron Garner reported the September DOC population report shows a 2.4% increase in admissions growth since January. He expects to

see 4% growth for the rest of the year, which would put the population back at pre-1006 levels. He stated the cause of growth is receiving offenders who are staying longer due to serving 75% of their sentences in DOC. He also stated Level 5 offenders are the bulk of new commitments and are staying a few months longer, resulting in a “stacking effect”. The Advisory Council asked Mr. Garner to do a historical analysis to see if sentencing practices have changed.

6. **DOC update.** Julie Lanham reported the applications for the FY19 grant cycle will be due at the end of January 2018. She expects to bring funding recommendations to the Advisory Council in April 2018. Ms. Lanham also reported DOC is still waiting for a response from the State Board of Accounts with respect to the Marion County and Tippecanoe County audit issues. The Advisory Council discussed recidivism data and the possibility of tracking it with the new data submitted by funded agencies. The Advisory Council also discussed whether the pretrial pilot counties should receive priority funding consideration in FY19.
7. **DMHA update.** Samantha Goodson reported there is no change in the top 5 Recovery Works services: medication, group substance abuse counseling, individual skills training, transportation, and housing. The top 5 counties also remain the same: Marion, Vanderburgh, Allen, Madison, and Monroe. Ms. Goodson stated there are 17,522 total enrolled participants in Recovery Works and \$17.9M has been spent since the inception of the program. She also reported training for forensic peer specialists will be conducted in October. The Advisory Council discussed Medicaid match payments, long wait times for services, providers not getting referrals, and roll-over funding. The Advisory Council asked Ms. Goodson to provide dollar amounts for the top services in Recovery Works. Dr. Brad Ray distributed his Phase I policy brief for Recovery Works. He highlighted that housing characteristics were a predictor of return to jail for Recovery Works participants. He also highlighted that 40% of participants had been in DOC prior to Recovery Works services and had a 14% re-incarceration rate. All other participants had a 7% incarceration rate. In both groups, more than 50% were incarcerated for a technical violation. Dr. Ray also reported that most providers did not focus on criminogenic needs along with the behavioral health needs, but this is beginning to change.
8. **Legislative and Data Discussion.** The Advisory Committee discussed legislative issues and possible recommendations from the Legislative Subcommittee. Rep. Greg Steuerwald stated that he is interested in the number of misdemeanor arrestees in jails pre-trial and would like to see a legislative recommendation related to this issue. Lisa Thompson reported the jail survey is posted on the Trial Court Technology website and will be updated if any sheriffs amend the data reported previously. Jane Seigel reported the Legislative Committee is scheduled to meet on October 6th.

9. Annual Report. Jenny Bauer distributed the draft annual report and highlighted the accomplishments section and new sections on jail survey data and 1006 impact. Dave Murtaugh made a motion for the Advisory Council to vote through email on the annual report by 4 p.m. on September 28. Larry Landis seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Ms. Bauer will submit the report to the legislative council, the governor, and the chief justice before October 1, as required by statute.

10. Next meeting. Jane Seigel announced that the date for the next Advisory Council meeting is October 19 at 10 a.m. at the Indiana Office of Court Services.

Respectfully submitted,

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